

Consider the advantages of using Ryde Cemetery as an educational site for children to visit.

- * Very reasonable rates for hire, hourly, half day, whole day
- * Local Interest and involvement with the local community
- * No transport needed for nearby Schools, other than legs!
- * Parking space for up to ten cars
- * Coach drop-off at the entrance
- * Indoor areas for coat/bag storage and snacks or packed lunches
- * Computer suite, Internet access, DVD, projector and screen
- * Tables and chairs for Classroom set-up
- * Clip boards, writing materials
- * Changing exhibitions of local interest on display
- * Three Chapel buildings available for Working Groups
- * Toilet facilities
- * First Aid Box
- * Kitchen Area, refrigerator, tea and coffee making facilities
- * Exhibition space available for Schools to present work

CROSS CURRICULAR STUDIES

Ryde Cemetery is an ideal location for cross curricular studies within Key Stages 1 and 2. Obviously it is a great starting point for historical studies.

However, if the Cemetery is being used for any other curricular studies, don't forget that the History box can also be ticked as it automatically includes historical enquiry taught through visits to historic buildings and sites. (National Curriculum History Programme of Study: 4)

History is perhaps the first area we might think of but there are also opportunities for:

- * English
- * Maths
- * Science
- * Information and Communication Technology
- * Geography
- * Art & Design
- * DesignTechnology
- * Religious Education
- * Physical Education
- * Personal, Social and Health Education
- * Citizenship
- * Global Awareness and Environmental Studies

HISTORY

The site is suitable for all age groups to stimulate historical enquiry. The buildings, memorials and monuments are artefacts. Evidence of the culture and society of the whole Victorian era are all around as well as for the post-Victorian period right up to the modern day. It is an ideal starting point for topics such as . . .

- * Our local area in the past.
- * Victorian Britain
- * Remembrance
- * World War

There are various Maps and Trail Leaflets to follow. Older children can independently use the Heritage Trail booklet which identifies notable people. There is an activity pack entitled 'Victorian Symbolism at Ryde Cemetery' and a War Graves Trail leaflet.

GEOGRAPHY

As with History, if the Cemetery is being used for any other curricular area, the Geography box can also be ticked as you are undertaking fieldwork investigations outside the Classroom (and the School) and will be using Maps and Plans. (National Curriculum Geography Programme of Study: 7)

A variety of Maps can be used:

- * Large pictorial maps in Display Panels around the Cemetery
- * Maps incorporated within Trail Leaflets and Booklets
- * Large detailed burial Maps in the Heritage Learning Centre
- * Large historical maps of the local area
- * Aerial photographs of the local area
- * Use of Google Map in the Learning Centre computer suite

Activities include following directions and awareness of the Compass points.

There are also opportunities to consider 'managing environments sustainably' as part of Ryde Cemetery is a Conservation Area. (National Curriculum Geography Programme of Study: 5)

ENGLISH

There are many opportunities for reading, research and writing non-chronological reports at Ryde Cemetery. It is also an ideal location to use as a stimulus for creative writing. There is a booklet available from the Heritage Learning Centre entitled 'Ten Ideas for Creative Writing at Ryde Cemetery'.

MATHS

Maths links have already been mentioned under the Geography section as studies at the Cemetery require mapping, grid referencing and understanding of direction and compass points. There are many other opportunities for maths activities

- * Problem solving
- * Measuring
- * Shape and tessellation
- * Symmetry
- * Angles
- * Time
- * Data handling

There is a booklet available from the Heritage Learning Centre entitled 'Ten Ideas for Maths Activities at Ryde Cemetery'.

SCIENCE

The Cemetery is suitable for all ages and at all times of the year to study science. Children can explore the great variety of flora and fauna through nature trails and can make comparative studies by visiting during different seasons. Minibeast hunts with classification trays are always successful. The Cemetery is an ideal starting point for topics such as

- * Moving and growing
- * Life and Living
- * How plants grow
- * Classification
- * Habitats
- * Materials and their properties
- * Care for the environment

ART

Ryde Cemetery is an ideal location to use as a stimulus for Art and Design studies. It is easy to combine Art with History, Creative Writing and Maths activities. There is a booklet available from the Heritage Learning Centre entitled 'Ideas for Art Activities at Ryde Cemetery'.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

There are opportunities to include Design Technology

- * 3D Modelling
- * Chapel window technology